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RE: Austrian negotiations

FROM: Heidelberg "CHROMY"
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1. Your Austrian conversations as outlined in reference dispatch met with approval here. It is my feeling that you have laid a very sound foundation for future operations in that area.

2. We have no objection at this point to OSI Austria retaining a copy of your memorandum of 14 March. It is suggested, however, that in future briefings of this nature you lay as much emphasis as possible on the constructive phases of your work rather than upon the outright black or fictitious phases. You should explain that, although our operations are necessarily covert in nature, they are not necessarily designed for deception or disruption, but rather aim at primarily keeping alive pro-Democratic feeling behind the Curtain. Project EASTBOUND and the contemplated BAR-TRAIL activities are examples of the constructive side of our work.

3. This approach, of course, does not rule out the black activities which can and should be conducted under appropriate circumstances, but merely shifts the emphasis to the covertly constructive side.

4. Communications received by ()'s organization indicate that you may be planning to station () in the Austrian theatre. I should appreciate your firsthand ideas on that possibility.

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